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An apparatus for configuring a spanning tree is used for a network in which a plurality of virtual LANs coexist. This apparatus for configuring the spanning tree has at least one bridge and a holding section. The above at least one bridge has a plurality of ports, and is capable of configuring a plurality of virtual LANs by logically combining the plurality of ports. The holding section holds on the bridge for each of the plurality of virtual LANs, information that is a combination between a code for identifying each of the plurality of virtual LANs configured by the bridge and a code for identifying a root bridge in the spanning tree for each of the plurality of virtual LANs.